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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. IN EARLY 1972, PER REFS B AND C, CIA LOANED GEHLEN AT HIS REQUEST MICROFILM CAMERA EQUIPMENT. THIS ALL DONE VIA CUT-OUT, E E. ORIGINALLY, GEHLEN SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE FILM TO CIA FOR PROCESSING, BUT APPARENTLY THOUGHT BETTER OF IT AND WE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING MORE FROM GEHLEN.

2. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO E E RETURNED THIS EQUIPMENT TO THE BASE, STATING THAT GEHLEN HAD CONTACTED HIM AND ASKED HIM TO TURN IT IN.

3. ABOVE IS ALL WE KNOW OF GEHLEN'S MICROFILMING ACTIVITIES. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT GET INVOLVED IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN ACCESS TO GEHLEN'S FILES VIA E E THEY CERTAINLY HAVE NO CURRENT OPERATIONAL VALUE TO CIA,

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